Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 22 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 23 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 21 Nov 2023 at 11:40 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for rain and quite extensive hill fog for Wednesday which makes way for a wintry spell later Thursday and early Friday, which passes eastwards from the weekend as the westerly returns.

Headline for Wednesday 22 Nov 2023: In west overcast with periods of occasionally heavy rain. Drier in east. Storms over summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 22 Nov 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
>95%	>95%	>95%	90%	90%	90%	80%	90%

Forecast for Wednesday 22 Nov 2023

Weather: An overcast and wet day in west with periods of rain, that turns heavy at times, coupled with extensive hill fog. East drier with best chance of limited brighter spells developing.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Nil in west, 40-50% in east

Low Cloud and visibility: Moderate or poor in rain, very poor within cloud with bases ranging between extensive from 450m in west and scattered to broken from 700m in east.

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Forecast for Wednesday 22 Nov 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	43/56 SW	44/57 SW	47/61 SW	45/59 W	43/57 W	47/63 W	47/63 W	48/66 W	50/69 W
900	31/44 SW	30/43 SW	33/46 W	32/45 W	32/46 W	35/51 W	35/51 W	36/53 W	37/55 W
600	38/49 SW	37/49 SW	37/50 SW	36/49 SW	35/48 SW	37/53 W	37/52 W	38/54 W	38/56 W
300	21/34 SW	22/35 SW	21/35 SW	19/32 W	19/32 W	20/34 W	20/34 W	21/37 W	22/39 W
Glen	13/30 SW	16/34 SW	17/35 SW	18/37 W	17/35 W	17/37 W	17/38 W	19/41 W	20/43 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-6	3/-5	4/-3	5/-2	4/-3	4/-4	3/-5	3/-5	3/-4
900	4/-2	5/-1	6/0	6/1	6/1	6/-0	6/-0	6/-0	6/-0
600	6/0	7/1	8/3	9/3	8/3	8/3	8/2	8/2	8/2
300	9/5	9/5	10/6	10/7	10/7	10/7	10/7	10/6	10/6
Glen	10/8	10/7	12/9	12/9	12/9	12/9	12/9	12/9	12/9
Freezing Level*	2100m	2400m	2400m	2200m	2000m	1900m	1800m	1900m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Conditions potentially dangerous in west at height with storms, extensive hill fog and heavy rain.

Forecast for Thursday 23 Nov 2023

Weather: Band of cloud and rain turning to snow across highest peaks, before clearing to a mix of isolated showers and brighter spells towards dawn. Showers increasing through the day, always focused across northern ranges, with snow level 1000m early morning lowering 700m from afternoon, then reaching the lowest levels late evening.

Maximum wind: West to northwest initially mean 45mph gust 65mph, slowly easing through the day.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: By day 80-90%

Low Cloud and visibility: Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow showers and within cloud with bases lowering 450m at times, mainly in the showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising plus 8 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius lowering minus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits lowering 400m

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